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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Re: Application of Makoto SHIRAI, Ken SASABE and Takehiko WATANABE  
NICKEL BASED FILLER METAL FOR BRAZING  
Assignee: NATIONAL SPACE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF JAPAN &  
THE JAPAN WELDING ENGINEERING SOCIETY  
Our Ref. Q76106

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising six (6) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, one (1) sheet of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (**Small Entity fees apply**):  
Total claims      1    - 20 -  
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 Independent claims 1 - 20 = \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9.00 = \$0.00  
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**TOTAL FILING FEE**  
Recordation of Assignment  
**TOTAL FEE**

~~\$375.00~~  
~~\$40.00~~  
~~\$415.00~~

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$375.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00  
are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the  
Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any  
overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	2002-203135	July 11, 2002

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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